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It is my understanding that the anti-trust and anti-monopoly laws are designed to protect consumers from financial and market harm, not to protect competitors of the supposed monopolist from such harm. As such, the proposed prosecution, the actual prosecution, and the proposed settlements in the Microsoft case have all caused more financial and market harm than any possible monopolist practices apparent in this case. I have been a Microsoft customer since the days of the IBM MD-DOS product, and have seen their products consistently improve greatly, and the prices for said products either remain below the level of inflation, and in some cases go lower over time.

I believe the US government's announcement that it was "going after" Microsoft has, to date, been a prime cause of the stock market's technology crash, and has cost me personally, many thousands of dollars.

Give it a rest, If the US government doesn't want Microsoft to dominate the PC operating system market, then it should start buying Linux for its own uses, and leave the rest of us alone.

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